

Benton Township Board Meeting

July 6, 2021

The July 6, 2021 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Five board members were present: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Attorney Tim MacArthur, Judge Gauthier, and 8 electorates were present.

Minutes and Bills: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the June minutes and bills paid and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read letters from EGLE, letter stating Duncan-Grass Bays Watershed Advisory will be combining with the Mullet Lake WAC, and he notes the Humane Society garage sale is at the Fair grounds August 27th and 28th. The Benton Township board pledged the "Principles of Governance" from the Michigan Townships Association.

Judge Gauthier presented the board with the progress going on in the court system. The court is on line now to watch.

The board was given the cost from the last 2 years on the recycling to look over prior to the next meeting. The board is getting all the paper work to fill out on the American Rescue Plan. Attorney MacArthur stated there is some gray areas on what you can spend the money on. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to put on Website and newspaper that Benton Township residents can bring up to 10 tires free of charge to the transfer station from now to October 1, 2021 and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Benton Township has a grant for two semi's of tires for recycling. The board loaded one semi in June and has one coming in October. Supervisor Brandt stated that the brining of roads were done in June.

New Business: The board decided not to look any further on the two foreclosures in Benton Township. The Board of Review for Benton Township is July 20, 2021 at 8:00 am here at Benton Township Hall. The next MTA meeting for July will be held here at Benton Township on July 29, 2021 at 7:00pm. Treasurer Passeno asked the board permission to attend a BS&A training at a cost of \$175.00. Trustee Redmond made a motion to pay for the training and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann informed the board that Vickie McGovern will be here at next month's meeting to take pictures of the board members, they will be displayed in the main office. Board members informed to be here half an hour before the meeting starts next month. MTA members are having a special meeting July 7, 2021 at

6:00pm at Beaugrand township to go over the blight ordinance. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to allow a bounce house be put up at the Community Center on July 30th rental and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Comments: Treasurer Passeno stated she has not heard anything on the grant from Par Plan on the generator yet. Grounds keeper Doug Felmler stated that the road ends were and still is very busy. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated that the Library is back to normal hours. The Library and High School has a Robotic class now. Library balance is \$418,581.50. Commissioner Newman stated that the townships should get on board with the blight Ordinance and get it finalized.

Public comments: Charles Beckwith stated that the townships has had the blight ordinance since 2019 to look over.

Clerk Neumann read off the bills to be paid in July. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept and pay the bills and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.

Trustee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.